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**Second Meeting of the Middle East Regional Aviation Safety Group
(RASG-MID/2)**

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Agenda Item 3: Regional Performance Framework for Safety

FUNDING OF THE RASG-MID ACTIVITIES

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper provides an overview of the Safety Fund (SAFE), including the process followed for its establishment and the classification of contributions. The paper presents also the outcome of the RSC/1 Meeting related to the funding of the RASG-MID activities.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.

REFERENCES

- RSC/1 Report

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In May 2010, the Council approved the establishment of SAFE and further considered that the Fund might provide a framework in which the activities conducted under the International Financial Facility for Aviation Safety (IFFAS) could be undertaken more efficiently.

1.2 The purpose of the Fund is to improve the safety of Civil Aviation by addressing significant safety concerns in countries which lack the financial means to do so, as well as by providing ICAO with the management reserve required to act immediately and effectively on urgent safety issues and in response to unforeseen events. SAFE serves as a mechanism for the collection and use of voluntary contributions from States and other donors to support ICAO safety programmes in a responsible, consistent, transparent, efficient and timely manner. SAFE also minimizes administrative costs and it does not affect Regular Programme activities.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The RSC/1 Meeting noted that contributions to SAFE fall under one of the following two classifications:

- a) un-earmarked contributions for safety-related projects that will be identified by ICAO; and

- b) earmarked contributions that are intended for a specific new or existing safety-related project and/or activities.

2.2 The RSC/1 Meeting noted that in order to facilitate the project prioritization, a Project Review Committee (PRC) has been established. The PRC has the mandate to review project proposals and make recommendations for allocations under the Safety Fund. Members of the PRC are responsible for providing policy and normative advice on the design of projects; reviewing the submitted projects; as well as making recommendations to the Secretary General on the allocation of funds to projects based on the validity of each proposal and its adherence to funding criteria.

2.3 The meeting may wish to note that State Letter Ref.: SMM 1/1-12/47 was issued on 24 August 2012 inviting donors to contribute to the Fund. The Projects in need of funding are posted on the Safety Collaborative Assistance Network (SCAN) website: www2.icao.int/scan.

2.4 The RSC/1 Meeting agreed that for 2013, the RASG-MID activities aiming at the implementation of SEIs and DIPs should continue with the voluntary support of the RASG-MID members and partners, providing that this is coordinated with the RSC Co-Chairs and Secretariat to avoid duplication of efforts. On a parallel track, the meeting agreed that funding issue will be addressed with eventual donors and sponsors, through the ICAO SAFE fund, giving priority to regional initiatives. In this respect, the meeting encouraged all States and partners to use the SAFE earmarked contributions option to secure some funds that could be used for the implementation of the RASG-MID Work Programme.

2.5 Based on the above, the meeting agreed to the following Draft Conclusion:

DRAFT CONCLUSION 1/6: FUNDING OF THE RASG-MID WORK PROGRAMME

That,

- a) the funding of the RASG-MID Work Programme for 2013, be ensured mainly through voluntary support of the RASG-MID members and partners; and*
- b) States and partners be encouraged to use the SAFE earmarked contributions option to secure some funds that could be used for the implementation of the RASG-MID Work Programme.*

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) endorse the above RSC/1 Draft Conclusion; and
- b) address other issues related to the funding of the RASG-MID activities, as appropriate.

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